

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria on a 35-mile segment of Catoctin Creek, including 10.5 miles of the North Fork, all of the South Fork (17 miles), and 7.5 miles of the mainstem. A TMDL for the Catoctin Creek bacteria impairments was approved by EPA on May 31, 2002 and is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl>. The Catoctin Creek impairments are located in Loudoun County.

§ 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The final public meeting on the development of the IP for the Catoctin Creek fecal coliform bacteria TMDL will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the The Old School at 40222 Fairfax Street (off Route 665) in Waterford, VA.

The public comment period will end on July 23, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for the TMDL for fecal coliform bacteria on Catoctin Creek is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Kate Bennett. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ms. Kate Bennett, Department of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193, telephone (703) 583-3896, Fax (703) 583-3841, or e-mail kebennett@deq.state.va.us.